

STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST

2014 ANNUAL PERMITTEE MEETING



The Stanislaus National Forest hosted the 2014 Annual Grazing Permittee Meeting on March 13 at the Supervisor's Office in Sonora, CA. The meeting was well attended by forest grazing permittees and families, forest leadership and staff, UC Cooperative Extension staff and guests. The purpose of the meeting was to update grazing permittees on Forest and Regional range program direction, forest range projects, current drought conditions, seasonal outlook, share information on drought strategies and provide an update on the Rim Fire recovery progress. Ken Tate Ph.D, CRM, University of California, Davis and UC Cooperative Extension Specialist and Leslie Roche Ph.D, presented their perspective and guidance on Drought and Standards & Guidelines.

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RANGE-RIM FIRE TOUR

MARCH 14, 2014



The Stanislaus National Forest facilitated a field tour of the Rim Fire burn area within the Jawbone, Rosasco, and Middlefork grazing allotments on March 14, 2014.

These allotments represent the most severely affected grazing acres within the burn area and equally suffered the most significant loss to rangeland vegetation, livestock, and range improvements. Of

the 14 grazing allotments affected by the Rim Fire, 6 allotments are proposed to be rested for the 2014 grazing season to allow for resource recovery. The tour included: grazing permittees Stuart Crook, Steve Crook, Tim and Dan Erickson, and Bob and Sherrie Brennan, UC cooperative extension staff, Farm Bureau, Forest leadership, staff and guests. The purpose of the tour was to visit the most affected allotments within the Rim Fire in a collaborative approach, to adopt a monitoring plan for evaluating landscape conditions affecting rangeland health which includes watershed/soil stability and vegetation recovery to determine when the land is capable of supporting livestock grazing activities. A subset of this collaborative team will be meeting in April to finalize the monitoring plan.

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